



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants, employment opportunities and other items of interest. Comments and feedback are appreciated. Contact Maria Castain 415-972-3264; email [castain.maria@epa.gov](mailto:castain.maria@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>. Also, if you want to be removed from this mailing list, contact M. Castain.

United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9, San Francisco, California

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# Tribal Program Newsletter

## Meetings and Conferences

### Sponsor: North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (NCIRWIMP)

Oct 10-12	Integrated Planning	Fortuna, CA	<a href="http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/Content/10326/North_Coast_Conference.html">http://www.northcoastirwmp.net/Content/10326/North_Coast_Conference.html</a> or <a href="http://www.northcoastirwmp.net">http://www.northcoastirwmp.net</a>
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### Sponsors: UC Davis and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria; Middletown Rancheria

Oct. 26-27	California Indian Conference	Davis, CA	Macri Martha, 530-752-7086 or email <a href="mailto:macri@ucdavis.edu">macri@ucdavis.edu</a> or Sheri Tatsch 530-754-8361, <a href="mailto:sjtatsch@ucdavis.edu">sjtatsch@ucdavis.edu</a> or go to <a href="http://nas.ucdavis.edu/NALC/cicg/">http://nas.ucdavis.edu/NALC/cicg/</a>
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### Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Oct 15-16	RTOC Meeting in conjunction with the Tribal Annual Conference	Elko, NV	Hillary Hecht, 415-972-3790 or <a href="mailto:hecht.hillary@epa.gov">hecht.hillary@epa.gov</a>
Oct 17-19	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Conference, Region 9	Elko, NV	Lilia Dignan, 415-972-3779 or <a href="mailto:dignan.lilia@epa.gov">dignan.lilia@epa.gov</a> or go to <a href="http://www.temoaktribe.com">http://www.temoaktribe.com</a>

### Sponsor: Information Management Network

Oct 15-16	7th Semi-annual Native American Finance Conference	Leyard, CT	<a href="http://secure.imn.org/~conference/im/index2.cfm?sys_code=20071031_PF_001">http://secure.imn.org/~conference/im/index2.cfm?sys_code=20071031_PF_001</a>
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### Sponsor: Numerous local, state and federal agencies:

Nov 5-8	HazMat Explo	Las Vegas, NV	Angie Proboszcz, 415-972-3077, <a href="mailto:proboszcz.angie@epa.gov">proboszcz.angie@epa.gov</a> <a href="http://hazmatexplo.org/">http://hazmatexplo.org/</a>
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### Sponsor: Journal of Solid Waste Technology and Management (call for papers)

Mar 30-Apr 2	23 <sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Solid Waste Technology and Management	Philadelphia, PA	Dr. Ronald L. Mersky, 610-499-4041, <a href="mailto:solid.waste@widener.edu">solid.waste@widener.edu</a>
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## Trainings



### Sponsor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,

Oct 9-10	Community Youth Organizations Implementation Training	Phoenix, AZ	1-866-NACLUBS or <a href="http://www.firstpic.org">www.firstpic.org</a>
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**Sponsor: California Department of Transportation, Native American Liaison Branch**

Oct 23-25	Tribal Transportation Academy	South Lake Tahoe, CA	Sabrina Rawson, 707-579-5507, <a href="mailto:sabrinarawson@nijc.org">sabrinarawson@nijc.org</a>
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**Sponsor: California Environmental Protection Agency (CAL/EPA)**

Nov. 6-9	Basic Inspector Academy	Sacramento, CA	Nancy Thomas, 916-322-2227
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**Sponsor: The Grants Institute 101**

Nov 26-28	Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop	Las Vegas, NV	Call: 888-824-4424 or email: <a href="http://www.thegrantinstitute.com">www.thegrantinstitute.com</a> or go to <a href="mailto:info@thegrantinstitute.com">info@thegrantinstitute.com</a>
Nov 28-30	Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop	Denver, CO	Call 888-824-4424 or email: <a href="http://www.thegrantinstitute.com">www.thegrantinstitute.com</a>

**Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center**

Oct 16-17	Introduction to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)	San Diego, CA	**
Nov 1-2	Natural Resource Damage Assessment Workshop - The What, Why, When, Where, and How of NRDA	San Francisco, CA	**
Nov 13-14	Introduction to Environmental Regulation on Tribal Reservations in California	Sacramento, CA	**
Dec 12-13	Natural Resource Damage Assessment Workshop - The What, Why, When, Where, and How of NRDA	Seattle, WA	**
Dec. 13-14	Introduction to Aquatic Toxicology - Understanding Impacts of Organic Chemicals and Metals on Aquatic Ecosystem	San Diego, CA	**

\*\*For more information on the above trainings, please call the Northwest Environmental Training Center 206-762-1976 or visit the following Web site: <http://www.nwetc.org>

**Sponsor: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.**

Oct. 29 Nov 2	Remediation Course	Orlando, FL	813-964-0800 or go to <a href="http://www.princeton-groundwater.com/register-now.htm">http://www.princeton-groundwater.com/register-now.htm</a>
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**Sponsor: Indian Health Services**

Nov 13-15	Water Treatment Plant Operation	Rincon Reservation, CA	Dave Robbins, 760-735-6891
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**Sponsor: Rural Community Assistance Corporation**

Oct 16	Monitoring and Water Quality	Big Bear Lake, CA	**
Oct 17	Plotting an Arsenic Mitigation Strategy	Victorville, CA	**
Nov 6	Monitoring and Water Quality	Antioch, CA	**
Nov 7	Basic Operations & Maintenance for Storage Tanks, Pipe Repair and System Security	Livermore, CA	**
Nov 27	Water Treatment Operator Certification Review	Tonopah, AZ	**

Nov. 28	Water Distribution Operator Certification Review	Tonopah, AZ	**
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\*\*For more information on the courses above, contact Mark Wiseman, 916-447-8932 or visit the following Web site: [www.rcac.org](http://www.rcac.org)

**Sponsor: Department of Energy (DOE)**

Oct 2-4	Business Development and Financing Workshop	Denver, CO	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy">www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy</a>
Nov. 5-8	Tribal Energy Program Review	Denver, CO	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy">www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy</a>

**Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)**

Oct 15-19	Wastewater Treatment Level Three	Phoenix, AZ	Deborah Patton, 602-258-4822
Oct 16-19	General Module for Water and Wastewater Operators	Reno, NV	Same as above
Nov 7	Tribal Operator Workgroup Meeting	Tucson, AZ	Same as above

ITCA will provide tribal operators reimbursement for travel and per diem based on Federal Government Regulations. Travel and per diem reimbursement are available for confirmed participants from tribes located in the EPA Region 9 area. Your participation ensures that the tribal water operator certification program continues to meet your needs.

**Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)**

ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for ITEP courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a catalog of courses, call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator, 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

**Sponsor: Nielsen Field School**

Oct 16-18	The Complete Ground Water Sampling Field Course	Sacramento, CA	Call 740-965-5026 or visit <a href="mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com">info@envirofieldschool.com</a>
Nov 5-7	The Complete Ground Water Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	Call 740-965-5026 or visit <a href="mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com">info@envirofieldschool.com</a>
Nov 1-2	The Complete Surface Water and Sediment Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	Call 740-965-5026 or visit <a href="mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com">info@envirofieldschool.com</a>

**Sponsor: International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management and the Sicangu Policy Institute of the Sinte Gleska University**

Oct. 31 – Nov. 1	NEPA and Transportation	Rapid City, SD	Mervyn L. Tano, 303-733-0481 or <a href="mailto:mervtano@iirm.org">mervtano@iirm.org</a> . go to Web site: <a href="http://www.iirm.org">www.iirm.org</a>
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**Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars**

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

## **Grants and Loans**

### **Grants.gov**

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>.

Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

### **U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**



#### **Tribal Public Water System Supervision Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAP)**

EPA Region 9 intends to award over \$400,000 through Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreements (DITCAs) ranging in size from approximately \$25,000 to \$75,000 for SWAP activities. This funding will enable federally recognized tribes and eligible tribal consortia within EPA Region 9, who operate at least one public water system (PWS), to identify and assess any possible threats (potential sources of contamination) to their public drinking water supply sources and to develop protection measures to protect these sources against those threats. Proposals are due January 18, 2008. Guidance is available on-line at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/pdf/tribal-swap-ditca-guidance-2008.pdf> or by contacting Jamelya Curtis at 415-972-3529 or [curtis.jamelya@epa.gov](mailto:curtis.jamelya@epa.gov) for paper copies or more information.



#### **Fellowships for Undergraduate Environmental Study**

EPA requests proposals for the fall 2008 EPA Greater Research Opportunities Fellowships for Undergraduate Environmental Study. Through this initiative, EPA seeks to support leadership in the nation's environmental science, research, education, assessment, restoration, and preservation efforts. Eligible students will receive support for junior and senior year, and an internship at an EPA facility. Planned course of study must focus on pollution prevention and/or control in one or more areas of environmental significance which includes: Natural and Life Sciences, Environmental Science, Engineering, Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science, or Economics. \$650K is expected to be available and up to 20 awards are anticipated; individual awards NTE \$41.5K. Responses are due December 19. For more info, contact Georgette Boddie at [boddie.georgette@epa.gov](mailto:boddie.georgette@epa.gov) or go to:

[http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008\\_gro\\_undergrad.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_gro_undergrad.html)



#### **Brownfields Job Training**

EPA requests proposals for Brownfields Job Training Grants to provide environmental job training projects that will facilitate the assessment, remediation, or preparation of brownfield sites. Projects must serve a community that currently receives, or has received, financial assistance from EPA for brownfields assessment, revolving loan fund or cleanup competitive grants. \$2.5 million is expected to be available and up to 13 awards are anticipated. Responses are due October 19. For more information, contact Joseph Bruss at [bruss.joseph@epa.gov](mailto:bruss.joseph@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/grants-funding.htm#epa-oswer-obcr-07-10>



#### **Technical Assistance (TA) for Brownfields Communities Grant Program**

EPA requests proposals from Brownfields Communities for work to provide TA to communities facing brownfield cleanup and redevelopment challenges. TA is sought in areas including but not limited to: The review and explanation of technical reports; assisting communities to understand health risks associated with a brownfield

site; and providing support to related community and stakeholder activities. \$4 million is expected to be available and up to 4 awards are anticipated. Responses are due October 2. For more information, contact Debi Morey at [morey.debi@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:morey.debi@epamail.epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/grants-funding.htm#epa-oswer-obcr-07-08>.



#### **Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant Program**

EPA requests proposals for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants. Through this initiative, EPA seeks to empower state, tribal, and local environmental and economic development officials to oversee brownfield activities, and encourage the implementation of local solutions to local problems. \$72 million is expected to be available, up to 200 awards anticipated. Responses are due October 12. For more information, including contacts at EPA Regional Offices go to: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/grants-funding.htm#epa-oswer-obcr-07-08>.



#### **Climate Change Tribal Impacts Communication and Outreach Grant Program**

Go to the following Website to view the announcement of the Request for Proposal for EPA's "Climate Change Tribal Impacts, Communication and Outreach" cooperative agreement: <http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/07-13.pdf>. The announcement details the availability of funds and solicits proposals for the communication of climate impacts on Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages, as well as adaptation and mitigation to address them. The closing date for receipt of proposals is November 5, 2007.

#### **Drinking Water and Wastewater Grants**

EPA's Tribal Border Infrastructure program is requesting proposals for high priority drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects for federally recognized Indian tribes within 62 miles (100 kilometers) of the U.S. / Mexico border. The full announcement is available at <http://www.grants.gov> and at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rfps.html>. Proposals must be postmarked or received through Grants.gov by November 1. For more information, contact Linda Reeves at 415-972-3445 or [reeves.linda@epa.gov](mailto:reeves.linda@epa.gov).

#### **Grant Opportunity to Strengthen Ability to Address Environmental and Public Health Threats**

The Office of Compliance (OC), within EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) is soliciting proposals for states and tribes to strengthen their ability to address environmental and public health threats, while furthering the art and science of environmental compliance. Projects under this Solicitation Notice will be used to build and expand the capacity and ability of the states and tribes to operate their environmental compliance and enforcement program. These funds cannot be used for the actual implementation of the compliance program. This year, EPA is soliciting pre-proposals for the following focus areas:

- (1) Permit Compliance System (PCS) Modernization and ICIS-NPDES,
- (2) Tribal Compliance Assurance Training and Workshops,
- (3) Air Facility System (AFS), and
- (4) Three national priority sectors:
  - Storm Water,
  - Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO), and
  - Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO).

The total grant award to be funded is \$3,100,000 and will be awarded to selected proposals in the range of \$50,000 - \$200,000. State and tribal matching funds are not required. Contact: Ginger Gotliffe, EPA, OECA, OC, National Planning, Measures and Analysis Staff, 202-564-7072, [gotliffe.ginger@epa.gov](mailto:gotliffe.ginger@epa.gov) or go to <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/state/grants/stag/opportunities.html>

#### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes**

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities.

Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

## **Miscellaneous Grants and Funding Opportunities:**



### **Nonpoint Source Implementation (NPS) Grant Program (CWA Section 319)**

The State Water Resources Control Board is now accepting applications for the NPS Grant Program (CWA Section 319) to support projects throughout California to restore impaired surface waters through the control of NPS pollution. Approximately \$5.65 million is available for this solicitation with a minimum grant amount of \$250,000 and a maximum grant amount of \$1,000,000 per project. A minimum match of 25% is required, but may be waived or reduced for projects that directly benefit a disadvantaged community. The Grant Solicitation Process is a two-step process. In the first step, applicants will submit brief Concept Proposals (CPs) by Thursday, November 1, 2007. Applicants with the highest-ranking CPs will be invited to submit a Full Proposal. For more information the solicitation notice is on-line at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/319h.html>



### **Social Entrepreneurship Funding Opportunity**

The Skoll Foundation requests proposals for Social Entrepreneurship Awards to people whose work has the potential for large-scale influence on critical challenges of our time in the areas of environmental sustainability, health, tolerance and human rights, institutional responsibility, economic and social equity, peace and security. These awards provide later-stage funding, which is generally structured as a \$1 million award paid out over three years. In most cases, the grant is provided for core support to help organizations expand their programs and capacity to deliver long-term, sustainable equilibrium change. Applications are received year round. For more information, go to: <http://www.skollfoundation.org>.



### **Economic Development and Affordable Housing**

The Comerica Charitable Foundation supports nonprofit work in MI and in areas of CA, AZ, TX and FL that focuses on areas including, but not limited, to neighborhood revitalization, and economic self-sufficiency for low and moderate income households. For more information, go to: <http://www.comerica.com/vgn-ext-templating/v/index.jsp?vgnextoid=374970d75d994010VgnVCM1000004502a8c0RCRD>.

### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Revitalization Grants**

HUD requests proposals for HOPE VI Revitalization grants to assist Public Housing Authorities to:

- Improve the living environment in severely distressed public housing projects through the demolition, rehabilitation, reconfiguration, or replacement of obsolete public housing project;
- Revitalize sites;
- Provide housing that will avoid or decrease the concentration of very low-income families; and
- Build sustainable communities.

HUD encourages energy efficiency standards above Model Energy Codes for energy and water efficiency, sustainable construction and demolition practices, and utilization of PATH technologies to radically improve the quality, durability, environmental performance, energy efficiency, and affordability of our nation's housing. \$94.5 million is expected to be available, four to five awards are anticipated, and responses are due November 7. For more information, contact Leigh van Rij at [Leigh.van.Rij@hud.gov](mailto:Leigh.van.Rij@hud.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=15014&mode=VIEW>.



### **Recycling Market Development and Expansion (MDE)**

The California Department of Conservation requests proposals for the 2007 MDE Grant Program. This program provides up to \$20 million annually for programs to achieve sustainable containers, packaging materials or systems, and to improve the beverage container recycling rate in California. The focus is on recycled aluminum, glass and plastic, including research and development projects that lead to sustainable manufacturing and processing. Anyone may apply, although projects must provide a California benefit. For application materials and further information, please go to <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dor/grants/rmdeg.htm>.

### **Environmental Justice Program**

The Norman Foundation requests Letters of Inquiry for its Environmental Justice Program, which supports work to prevent the disposal of toxins in communities, and to link environmental issues with economic and social justice. The foundation provides grants for general support, projects, and collaborative efforts, and welcomes innovative proposals designed to build the capacity of social change organizations working in its areas of interest. Individual grants NTE \$20K. Responses are due November 11. For more information, go to: <http://www.normanfdn.org/>.

### **Recycling Consumer Electronics**

Best Buy Co. requests proposals for Consumer Electronics Recycling Grants. Grant range is from \$500 to \$1.5K. This program seeks to increase recycling opportunities available to communities across the United States. Support is provided for events hosted by 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations and for events hosted by other organizations in cities and townships across the country. Responses accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, go to: <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/recycling.asp>.

### **Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)**

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at [meer.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:meer.daniel@epa.gov).

### **Integrated Waste Management Board**

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

### **Housing and Community Development in California**

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones 916-319-8402 or email [ajones@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ajones@hcd.ca.gov)

### **California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants**

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

### **California Endowment Program**

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

### **Funding Sources for Communities**

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

### **The California Department of Water Resources**

The 2007 Proposal Solicitation for Water Use Efficiency is a two step process. In Step 1, the applicant will submit (on-line) a concept proposal. Applicants with concept proposals meeting specific criteria and requirements will be asked to submit a detailed and full proposal for funding consideration. If you have any questions, please e-mail [wue@water.ca.gov](mailto:wue@water.ca.gov) or 916-651-9666 or email [baryohay@water.ca.gov](mailto:baryohay@water.ca.gov)

### **Economic Development**

The U.S. Economic Development Administration requests proposals under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, and the Trade Act of 1974. This program supports projects that promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress. \$250.7 million is expected to be available, proposals accepted on a continuous basis. For more information, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?opId=13169&mode=VIEW>.

## **Employment Opportunities**



### **Environmental Specialist (ES), Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Reservation**

The tribal ES is responsible for implementing the Tribe's Clean Water Act Section 106/319 grants through the administration, implementation, and development of a water quality program. This position requires management skills and the ability to strengthen/expand the vision set forth by this reservation; furthermore, the ES will work collaboratively with EPA Region IX and various tribal, federal, and state agencies on water related issues/



projects. More information may be found by going to [envdept@lppsr.org](mailto:envdept@lppsr.org) or by writing to Tribal Administrator, Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation, P. O. Box 747, Lone Pine, CA 93545. Deadline is October 10, 2007.

#### **Water Resources Engineer, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC)**

Under supervision of the Division Manager (Water Resources), plans, manages, and conducts water resources related engineering projects, including design, supervision of contracts and contractors, planning and supervision of survey and engineering technician staff. This position is treated as an FLSA exempt position. Submit application to SRPMIC – Human Resources, 10005 E. Osborn, Scottsdale, AZ 85256, FAX 480-850-8126 or apply on line at [www.srpmicjobs.com](http://www.srpmicjobs.com). To request a full job description, please e-mail [recruitmenttransactions@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:recruitmenttransactions@srpmic-nsn.gov) or phone 480-850-8096. This position will remain open until filled. For a complete listing of employment positions at SRPMIC go to: <http://www.srpmicjobs.com/>

#### **Environmental Resource Specialist, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation**

Assists with general environmental department operations and projects centered on an array of ecological issues to sustain or improve environmental and ecological integrity at Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Projects are related to arid watersheds, riparian ecosystems, water quantity, flora and fauna assessments, range ecology and management, avian ecology, emergency response, solid waste management, environmental planning, and public outreach. An A.A.S. degree in Natural Resource Management or related field is required. This position will remain open until filled. Submit application to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, Human Resources Dept, Attn: Vanessa Ferolino, P. O Box 17779, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269; Phone: 480-816-7119; Fax: 480-816-0419 or Email: [vferolino@ftmcdowell.org](mailto:vferolino@ftmcdowell.org). Preference will be given to qualified applicants who are members of federally recognized Indian tribes. To be considered for Indian Preference, you must submit your Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) with your application.

#### **Resource Technician for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe**

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is also accepting applications for a Resource Technician. Incumbent will direct/administer all aspects of the Tribe's geographical information system. For more information, please contact William Cowan, Natural Resource Director, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, 653 Anderson Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone 775-623-5151 or email: [william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org](mailto:william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org)

#### **Job Openings and Civil Service Exams:**

Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) has openings for engineers, environmental scientists, toxicologists, industrial hygienists, engineering geologists, chemists, and criminal investigators. Positions are located in the Sacramento HQ office, as well as in regional offices in Berkeley, Sacramento, Glendale, Cypress, Clovis, San Diego, and Calexico. Applications for civil service exams for these positions are being accepted on a continuous basis. Web site: [Employment with DTSC](#)

#### **Biological Technician in North Carolina**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has an opening for a biological technician. The responsibilities are to coordinate wildlife management research projects and collect data. This position requires many hours of field work. Please contact the Human Resource Office at 828-497-8131 for more information and an application. Or, call Forrest Parker, Manager, Office of Environment and Natural Resources, 828-497-1838.

#### **Environmental Coordinator for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe**

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe of northwestern Nevada is accepting applications for an Environmental Coordinator. Incumbent will lead the Tribe's efforts to develop and implement an Environmental Plan to attain the Tribe's goals. Contact William Cowan, Natural Resource Director, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, 653 Anderson Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone 775-623-5151 or email: [william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org](mailto:william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org)

#### **Environmental Director, Campo Indian Reservation**

The Campo Indian Reservation has an opening for an environmental director. This person will direct environmental programs for the tribe, such as water issues, drinking water, non point source, emergency response, solid waste, and air. Solid waste includes the permitting and regulatory oversight of a commercial waste facility. Director will report to Campo Tribal Administrator. The Campo Indian Reservation is located in the southeast quarter of San Diego County. This position is a tribal preference/ Indian preference position under

applicable Federal and Tribal laws. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled. Please submit your resume Attention: Councilman Connolly, 36190 Church Road, Campo, CA 91906 or call Lisa Gover at 619-478-9046.

#### **North Fork Mono Rancheria**

The Rancheria has an opening for an environmental director. The salary range is \$48,159 -- \$62,605 per year. Under the general direction of the Tribal Administrator, the director will plan, direct, supervise, and coordinate the activities of the Tribe's Environmental Protection Department. The requirements are a B.S. in Natural Resource Science, Environmental Planning, or other related field with three years of successful experience working in the area of environmental programs and one year experience administering environmental grants/contract program(s). This position will remain open until filled. Please call 559-877-2461 for an application package.

#### **Air Quality Compliance Specialist, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians**

Under the general supervision of the Cabazon Environmental Department Environmental Coordinator, performs field monitoring, testing, investigation and survey activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance. This position requires a Bachelors Degree and directly relevant experience in air quality a plus. For more information contact Human Resources, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Fantasy Springs Resort, Paul Soama, 760-342-2593, ext. 85751

### **Miscellaneous Items of Interest**



#### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance**

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, [binder.jonathan@epa.gov](mailto:binder.jonathan@epa.gov), or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, [tunis.catherine@epa.gov](mailto:tunis.catherine@epa.gov) or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.



#### **Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS)**

OAQPS has released two documents for review and comment concerning Indian tribes. The first document, entitled Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments, is OAQPS' guidance to its staff on how they should determine if EPA actions have potential effects or impacts on tribes, and how the Agency should conduct outreach and collaboration while not ignoring its responsibility to full consult with such tribes. It is important to note that this guidance is subject to change or could be preempted by a forthcoming Agency-wide consultation policy currently under development. The second document, entitled The Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards Tribal Program Plan 2008-2013, outlines OAQPS' tribal priorities and its plans for addressing these priorities. The priorities are intended to be carried out in concert with the Office of Air and Radiation Strategy. Comments may be submitted directly to Yvonne Johnson at [johnson.yvonnew@epa.gov](mailto:johnson.yvonnew@epa.gov). To view these documents, click or past on the browser the following address.

<http://www.epa.gov/oar/tribal/pdfs/Tribal%20Guidance%20and%20Policy%20Final%20Draft.pdf>

### **American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)**

AIEO has also developed a tribal portal to help American Indian communities and supporters locate tribal related information within EPA and other government agencies. Visit the [American Indian Tribal Portal](#) and let AIEO know what you think of the Web site and how it can be improved. For more information, contact Candi Schaedle, 202-564-6121 or email [schaedle.candi@epa.gov](mailto:schaedle.candi@epa.gov)

### **Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers**

EPA has just issued a new publication as part of its effort to support innovative, market-based approaches to water quality trading. The *Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers: Interim Technical Guide* provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities with the tools they need to incorporate trading provisions into permits. The Toolkit also serves as EPA's first "how-to" manual on designing and implementing trading programs consistent with EPA's 2003 *National Water Quality Trading Policy* and will be valuable to all stakeholders. The Toolkit is a web-based document available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/waterqualitytrading/WQTTToolkit.html> limited number of hard copies will be available in September through the National Service Center for Environmental Publications. To order go to: <http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom/>.

### **Photos from the 2006 Tribal EPA Conference**

The Region 9 Tribal Program Office is seeking digital photos of the 2006 Tribal EPA Conference for the Tribal Program Website. They will be featured in a slideshow format. We're looking for photos of the opening session, workshops, RTOC, networking, awards luncheon and any others. If you could like to contribute photos please email them to Tina L. Williams at [williams.tina@epa.gov](mailto:williams.tina@epa.gov). If you have any questions regarding this project, please call her at 415-972-3784.

### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook**

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

### **Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet**

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

### **Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff**

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

### **America's Children and the Environment Web Site**

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

**American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)**

AIEO has published the first EPA Tribal Program Enterprise Architecture (TPEA) tribal data newsletter. The purpose for this quarterly newsletter is to publish information about the work of TPEA. AIEO hopes to develop partnerships with parties that are interested in sharing information and ongoing experiences with data collection and information management. To view this newsletter, click the following Web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/newsletter.htm> or to obtain copies email [liu.ed@epa.gov](mailto:liu.ed@epa.gov) or call 202-564-0287.

**Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)**

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at [langlois.glen@epa.gov](mailto:langlois.glen@epa.gov).

**Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)**

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

**National Response Center (NRC):**

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

**Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ**

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

**Inspector Credentials**

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or [baranco.angela@epa.gov](mailto:baranco.angela@epa.gov).

## Department of Agricultural (USDA)

### USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://www.ctaa.org/techassist/usda/M-STAPPN.pdf>

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### Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .  
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer> .  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>  
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>  
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>  
<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>  
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>  
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>  
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>  
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>